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Shatin	7.02	8.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai Po	7.16	8.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai Po Market	7.27	8.59	11.15	12.45	1.59	5.19	6.14	7.54
Fanning	7.39	9.12	11.27	12.57	2.03	5.23	6.18	7.58
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Tai Po	8.43	10.16	12.31	14.01	3.06	6.26	7.21	8.55
Shatin	8.55	10.28	12.43	14.13	3.18	6.38	7.33	9.07
Yau Ma Tei	9.07	10.40	12.55	14.25	3.30	6.50	7.45	9.19
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POWER OF THE CINEMA. PLEA FOR BRITISH FILMS.

The power of the cinema, its influence upon the nation, and its great potentialities in a variety of directions formed the keynote of speeches delivered at the annual dinner of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association of Great Britain and Ireland, held recently at the Hotel Victoria, London. The President, Mr. T. Ormiston, spoke of the work the cinema could do in co-operation with the League of Nations, for the abolition of war, and Viscount Burnham (President of the Cinematograph Trade Council) entered a plea for the more adequate portrayal by British films of British life in all its features and characteristics.

Lord Burnham, proposing "The Cinema—A National Influence," said that the cinema industry was one of those applications of white magic which had already changed the face of the world. It made a world-wide appeal to the universal mind through the universal eye; nobody could set a limit to the power that it was destined to exercise. The toast he had proposed was "more like an axiom—'The cinema is a national influence.' Although they looked at it at times in its international bearings, they ought to be thought of first and foremost as a national point of view. It was well that the powers that be should recognize that it had become an indispensable part of our national life, and that the sympathy and support of every good citizen in this country (Cheers). We did not want our merits or our demerits to be seen by mankind through foreign spectacles; by mankind through foreign spectacles, no matter how great the goodwill of those who used them. He wanted to see British life in all its features and characteristics portrayed by British artists according to our British ways. (Cheers). He was well aware of the difficulties that stood in the path—that enormous resources, carefully husbanded through the greater part of the most devastating war in history, had enabled our friends in the United States of America to carry their industrial development to a far higher point than had been possible here. The home market there had been of such colossal proportions that it had been comparatively easy to capture the market across the seas. Not for a moment was he charging the American producers with wishing to misrepresent Great Britain to the British people, but he did lament the fact that the Britisher, as a rule, when he appeared on the films that we imported, was made slightly ridiculous and always insignificant. He did not care, either, to think that a good many of our travel-films that we saw were of American origin, and rather remote from British interests. When he considered what was being done all over the world by British enterprise, and how much the history of the world owed to British adventure, he would sooner see a little more of what would have told our island story a little better, and certainly in a way more flattering to British pride.

A QUESTION OF BUSINESS.

It was not only a question of sentiment; it was a question of business. Every day demands were being made to produce here, and he hoped with increasing success, the elaborate processes of British industry in the most attractive way. A good deal, but not enough, was being done to give proper publicity to the thoroughness and finish of British industry in all its branches. There was nothing to equal the value of the British trade mark. Let all the world be informed through the "movies" how British goods were produced, and then they would be able, perhaps, better to appreciate their intrinsic value, and how much, in most instances, they excelled all others. (Cheers).

The cinema industry was passing through a time not of peril, but of trial. They had become one of the great powers of the world, and the older powers, who, naturally, were rather jealous of their existence, were considering how best they could be controlled and directed. Control might be necessary, but the best of control was self-control. (Cheers). They did not want to be administered out of existence. (Cheers). It was not for the national benefit that the blood and fibre should be taken out of their representations in order to satisfy the over-sensitive and cranky (Cheers).

After all, the cinema was not a thing if it was not true to life, and it was absurd to think that everything in life was fair and of good report. In fact, they wanted to contrast what was not so pleasant in order to point the moral of their tale. He was not advocating license when he asked for liberty. On the contrary, the very fact that the British cinema industry established its own board of censorship was in itself proof that they felt that something should be done for self-regulation. But they preferred that it should be done in their own way and by those who had the knowledge to do it properly. It had been a great success, and nowhere in the world had any system to equal it been devised, and it certainly would not be better to exchange it for official interference. (Cheers). He did not believe that they had any objection to the extension of voluntary effort in a fair and helpful way. (Cheers). In America, one of the professors of Columbia University had started a society which had for its object that objectionable films might be killed or ignored, while good films should be approved and nationally supported; and was carrying out the establishment of a national system of clubs which would do all they could to strive, each in its own neighbourhood, to create and develop a market for good films of every description, and especially for those which made the universal appeal in the most artistic way.

They were too big for the nation to overlook (proceeded Lord Burnham), they were essential to the happiness of our national life. Wherever one went one found that the last thing the working people would sacrifice was the opportunity of "seeing the pictures." He was glad to think that they had been able to lower their prices in industrial neighbourhoods in many cases to no more than for entrance to the house, and that they were still able, he did not say to make fortunes, but at any rate to make a profit. With the toast he coupled the name of their president, who was, he believed, the first Scotsman to fill that office, but was certainly not the first Scotsman to have made a success of "the

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MOZART'S EARLIEST OPERA. PRODUCTION IN VIENNA.

An enthusiastic reception was given recently to the first production in Vienna of Mozart's earliest opera, *La Finta Semplice* ("The Pretended Simpleton"). The opera had only once previously been performed in public—for a single night at Karlsruhe at the command of the Emperor Joseph II. in 1788, but the Viennese composers of the day, in their envy of the universal interest which the boy Mozart had aroused, managed to prevent its being performed. While it is not, perhaps, surprising that the opera should have remained on the shelf in Mozart's lifetime, in view of the large number of other works that flowed from his facile pen, it is at least singular that it should have lain neglected for 133 years.

One can only marvel that a child of 12 should have composed the array of exquisite arias, duos, quartets, and septets with which the opera abounds. The story is laid in Italy. The pretended simpleton is Rosina, a charming and resourceful girl, who helps her brother, a tyrannous and woman-hating brother, Cassandro, Rosina not only accomplishes this task, but also succeeds in capturing Cassandro, the woman-hater, for herself. The curtain drops on three happy couples, the third being Giacinta's maid and her lover's orderly, whose parts, as might be expected from comic opera of the 18th century, are hardly less exacting or less important than the others.

INDELICATE PLAYS.

ACTORS AND ACTRESSES SIGN
A PLEDGE.

In an effort to forestall the growing movement for a censorship of the stage a group of leading actors and actresses met at the Little Theatre, New York, recently, and signed a pledge never to appear in any play "in which obscene lines occur."

They arranged to call a general meeting of members of the theatrical profession to extend the scope of this movement. The agitation has arisen spontaneously as the result of a protest made by Miss Helen MacKellar, the leading lady in the new play, "Good Bad Woman." She has served notice on the management that unless they consent to modify her lines she will abandon her part. "I believe that censorship must come from within the theatre," she says. "If the public once revolted we should have a 'State censorship,' and 'that is what we should have all try to avoid.'"

The Public Prosecutor says: "Managers are driving people to seek a censorship as the only means of protecting themselves against indecency on the New York stage."

The *New York World* has published a statement by a leading artist that "plays on Broadway are getting so bad that no decent people want to see them."

PENSIONERS' BURDEN.

Up to the end of March, 1925, Britain will have spent £200,000,000 on war pensions since 1917, said Major G. E. Tryon, Minister of Pensions, at the annual dinner of the East Lewisham Conservative Association. "I am told that we have done justice to nobody," he added, "yet a man totally disabled, and drawing allowance for a wife and three children, would have got, before the war, 17s. 6d. Now he is getting almost exactly four times as much. Complaints were made by only 1½ per cent. of pensioners, and appeals against the findings of medical boards were made by only 2½ per cent. of those examined."

(Laughter.) Mr. Ormiston had exercised a most conciliatory influence in promoting amicable relations with the renting side of the business, and had so successfully conducted negotiations with the trade unions that theirs in that respect was a harmonious and co-operative trade. (Cheers).

"TRADE FOLLOWS THE FILM."

The President, in response, said that it was a great pity that the bulk of the films in this country were produced in America, because they naturally portrayed American life and customs. It was said that trade followed the flag, but he was inclined to think that there was a tendency now for trade to follow the film. For that reason he much regretted that the manufacture of British films was at present in such a poor state. He had often thought that the only solution for that problem was that the British exhibitors should combine with British producers and British manufacturers to build a British film studio that would compete in equipment with any of the studios in America, and would be available for all British producers. Commenting upon the educational value of the film, he suggested that exhibitors should enlist the co-operation of the educational authorities, and show suitable films to school children as part of their educational course. In the cause of true temperance he claimed that the cinema had exercised a great influence, because the public-house had no greater counterattraction; and he thought their industry could also co-operate with the League of Nations in helping to abolish war. He firmly believed that if the customs of each country were shown to all the other countries there would be less likelihood of war in the future than there had been in the past. In conclusion, he appealed for an association "100 per cent. strong," he said, would they be able to solve some of the problems confronting them, not the least serious of which was the tendency in America for producers to own theatres, and thus threaten the existence of the independent exhibitor.

The President then proposed the health of Lord Burnham, who briefly acknowledged the hearty reception the toast was accorded. Thereafter the company were entertained by a cabaret show—"An extract from the Midnight Follies," in which Carl Hyson, Peggy Harris, Terry Kendall, Harry Milton, and Betty Harris appeared—and subsequently took part in a dance.

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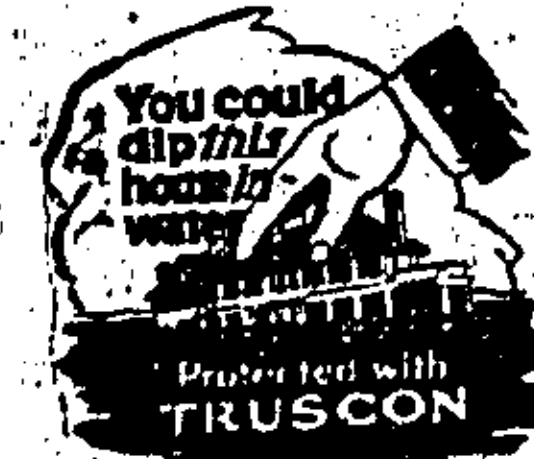
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ON BEING PERSUADED. THE ART OF SALESMANSHIP.

It is not easy nowadays to turn over the pages of half a dozen journals picked up at random without discovering a reference to what, remarkably enough, is called "the art of salesmanship." The art, it appears, is taught; it has its academies, its professors, its earnestly devoted pupils; it has, too, a philosophy underlying its commercial practice—a philosophy concerning which the wise men of the counter dispute with the acrimony of scholars. To ordinary members of the public, who buy more often than they sell, all this is a little disconcerting. They cannot fail to realize that they are the raw material of this widespread art. They are to the graduate in salesmanship what clay is to the sculptor or sand to the child on the beach. Their purses contain the rewards of proficiency; their minds yield to the pressure of scientific persuasion. They are, in short, and it is a humiliating discovery, by no means the independent, self-controlled individuals they have imagined themselves to be, but on the contrary, members of a sheeplike mob who drift in through glass doors beneath the smile of commissionaires, are subjected to swift analysis by cunning psychologists and are finally permitted to escape, through the same glass doors and beneath the same gigantic smiles, bearing with them an armful of parcels which originally they had no intention of purchasing, but which now appear to them as an armful of urgent needs miraculously satisfied.

The existence of this "persuasive art" adds an extravagant peril to the streets. If any doubt it, let them recall an advertisement, recently published in our own columns, in which a "giant in stature and personality" asked for an opportunity to earn a thousand pounds a year. Apart from his exceptional proportions, he had but one qualification for remunerative employment—he could, he said, "sell anything." Is there not almost a menace in this positive assurance? What resistance is possible in the timid purchaser who, having set out to buy a piece of ribbon and a kitten, may well come home with a hemp hawser and a white elephant? And there are purchasers who frequently suffer a fate almost as inconvenient. Like the commanding officer in one of Conrad's stories, they are of a nature that they "are made morally and almost physically uncomfortable by the mere thought of having to beat down a lie." If they are told, particularly if the teller be a "giant in personality," that they want something that the giant has to dispose of, they find it easier to buy than to argue and less embarrassing to surrender than to escape. A wealth of merchandise is bought every day in England for no better reason than that the purchaser, unable to find a ready answer to smooth persuasions, would rather suffer than be rude! For the giants of the days, crude insistence could be easily answered by brief refusal; now courtesy must have its response in courtesy. The true giant has a splendid indifference to the commercial side of his art; he wishes madam to admire, he says, not to buy; he has an air of enjoying infinitely her criticism, her investigation, and her company. Let her should think herself flattered; he dares sometimes to contradict her; let her should imagine that her hand is being forced, he ventures even to dissuade her from buying some object that has momentarily attracted her. Little by little he creates what the professors of his art call "an atmosphere of good will." Only the hardest hearted woman can breathe it and escape. A purchase, she feels, is the only graceful end to a conversation so charming. When she is gone, the giant nods and says: "I could have sold her anything, and she came in only to look round." She on the way home, is wondering, not why she was persuaded, but why she enjoyed it. There is in truth something of magic in it, and effective magicians will always be worth their thousand pounds a year.—Times

BUSINESS CHANGES.

GROWTH OF CREDIT AND ACCOUNTANCY.

Bills and cheques amounting in value to £23,532,864,000 passed through the Bankers' Clearing House in Post Office Court, Lombard-street, E.C.4, last year—three times the total of 1913 and four times that of 1900.

Accountants are astonished at the increase, which is not, it is said, proportionate to the increase in business. One cause is said to be that paper money and gold is no longer the real currency of business. Credit is doing the work of industry.

"Business to-day is one big welter of figures," an accountant told a reporter. "The smallest business has its banking account and the smallest payment is by cheque. Directors are no longer satisfied with simple balance-sheets, but require analyses of every item. In some businesses six different machines will record what used to be contained in one easily handled book.

The percentages and analyses of a business are growing so complicated that it is becoming the custom to find room for the accountant on the board of directors."

LABOUR SAVING.

During a very rough crossing from the Hook of Holland a steward came up to a passenger who was sitting alone in a sheltered position near the companionway. "I thought I would bring a little of something to eat up here on deck, sir," he said, "to save you trouble." "Thanks," said the passenger. "Please save me further trouble, and throw it over the rail."

Depend upon it, that the Universe is ultimately infallible, however complicated and hopeless it may appear.—Sir Oliver Lodge.



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EAST AND WEST. ART EXHIBITION AT CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

Lovers of art should not fail to visit during the next few days the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Bridge Street, where a selection of paintings are being shown. The exhibition began yesterday, and will conclude on April 5th. The artists are Mrs. J. L. McPherson (British), and Messrs. Ko Kim Fu, Ko Kei Fung, Chan Shu Yan (Chinese), and Mr. K. Koiyo (Japanese).

Mrs. McPherson is the exponent of Western Art, and amongst the exhibitors her paintings are undoubtedly superior to any in their creative art. Her two paintings, "Sea-Nymph" and "Myriam's Night" are original, intense, mystical. Art, that is truly great is the expression of the artist's personality. Paintings, to be of artistic value should convey the full story of that which the artist wishes to portray. If the scene is joyous, then rapture must live in the painting. These two paintings immediately convey to one a mystical peace. That is what the artist sought to do, and in that she has succeeded.

The three Chinese artists are considered to be among the finest in South China. In Ko Kei Fung we have the bird-and-animal artist, and his pictures of the gay phoenix, the keen-eyed heron, and the phoenix are well done.

One feels disappointed in that Mr. Chan Shu Yan has so few pictures in the exhibition. He is the painter of Nature in her glory; when Spring runs riot in the country side. One sees sunshine in all his work. He brings to one's mind the nature-love of Wordsworth.

Ko Kim Fu is a versatile artist. He loves nature in her wildness, the tempest whipping the trees, the ruggedness of mountain and glen. He retains, however, some of the old Chinese style, a few of his nature pictures being very crude. On the other hand, his picture of Lo-fung Tower is well executed.

K. Koiyo's paintings are distinctly different. He portrays a different type of scenery, some of kaleidoscopic colour, others of serenity and peace. His artistry is a wonderful example of minute observation. There is indeed grandeur and exquisiteness in his picture of "Snow on the Mount of Fung Loi."

The exhibition has been arranged by Messrs. Moffatt and McPherson at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. to enable the Chinese at the Ching Ming festival period to see these works of art.

LOCAL SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY AT V.R.C.

At the Victoria Recreation Club, last night, the billiards tournament for the championship of the Colony, Ng Sze Kwong defeated Joiner Restall, in the second round, by 800-358.

BEST BREAKS.

The best breaks made were: Ng Sze Kwong: 38, 33, 33, 30, 27, 26, 21, 18, 17, 16, 14, 13, 13, 12, 11, 10, 10. Joiner Restall: 47, 13, 14, 11, 10. To-night, Ng Sze Cheung and C. N. Tsang will meet in the second round. To-morrow's game is between Corp. Blonden and P. S. Leung.

FOOTBALL.

K.C.C. v. K.F.C.

A sporting arrangement has been made between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kowloon Football Club, whereby the Cricket Club will meet the Football Club at football next Saturday on the K.F.C. enclosure, and the footballers will play a return game of cricket against the K.C.C. on the latter's ground at a later date.

The K.C.C.'s team of footballers for next Saturday will consist of: A. W. Ramsay, F. Goodwin (captain), J. C. Loyal, W. Hyde, H. G. Howard, J. E. Maltby, V. M. Hast, Capt. S. Feary, N. Trumbitky, G. B. Slipper, and D. H. Banner. Reserves: A. J. Kew, L. Jack, and J. Fraser.

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H.V.D.C. RIFLE MEETING.

The Annual Corps Rifle meeting will be held at Kowloon City Rifle Range (A) on April 11th, 12th and 13th, competitions to be fired off as under:—

April 11th: Jar Competition, Corps Championship, Tyro Competition, At-track Competition, Revolver Competition (open, and for members of the Corps); April 12th: Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Musketry, Reserve Challenge Cup, Tilo Competition, Machine and Lewis Gun, Revolver Competition (open and members of the Corps); April 13th: All Corners Competition, Revolver Competition (open, and for members of the Corps).

The Tyro Competition is open to members of the Corps who have not scored over 85 in Part I. of the Musketry Course this season.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

The four men and one woman arrested in connection with the robbery committed at the residence of Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios at Ho Mun Tin on March 7th appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday and were again remanded.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., a boat-mistress was fined \$5 for carrying eight passengers in excess of the number allowed by licence.

CHARGES AGAINST INDIAN. PRACTISING WITHOUT PERMIT AND POSSESSING POISONS.

The hearing of the case in which Hakim Karim Bux, of the Indian Mosque, is charged with practising medicine without a permit and with illegal possession of poisons, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning.

Mr. Whyte-Smith appeared for the Crown and Mr. Easley Zeitlyn, barrister-at-law, for the defence.

The last witness to give evidence at the previous day's hearing, Sergeant J. Mohammed, of the Heavy Battery, R.G.A., was cross-examined at length by Mr. Whyte-Smith.

Mr. Whyte-Smith: When you were told there was a plot against the Hakim in the hope that the police would take proceedings against him, you did not think it was your duty to warn him? Witness: No, it was not my duty to warn the Hakim or anybody else.

You went to see the Hakim about a settlement?—Yes, I did.

When you went to see Hakim about this matter it did not occur to you to warn him about this plot against him?—The Hakim is not my officer.

You know that the plot would continue, the plot that would have got Hakim into trouble?—I did not know whether it would continue or not.

His Worship: You have been smart enough to get it fixed up with Hakim to get yourself subpoenaed. Did you arrange with the Hakim to get yourself subpoenaed, knowing that your evidence would be more valuable if you were subpoenaed? Is it true you fixed it all up with the Hakim?—No, I did not do anything of this.

His Worship: Did you give him the names of any other people who you thought would give evidence for him?—I did not know a subpoena would be issued at all. Why should I give such information?

I suggest to you that you are the man who ran the whole of the defence of the Hakim and that you fixed the whole thing up with him, arranged which witnesses should be called, and that they should be subpoenaed; and that some have not been called because their evidence did not suit. I suggest you ran the whole thing and arranged the whole of the defence?—It is not true.

There is a lot of esprit de corps in your battery and you are very proud of it; is it a good battery?—Yes.

And when a European civilian accuses one of your men of stealing anything, naturally you are all very angry?—How?

I put it to you that that the whole of your battery have been looking for Abbas Khan ever since he was charged one of your regiment with stealing a sack of attar (a food used for mules)?—The fifth battery have nothing to do with this man.

But is it all the same regiment?—Yes.

Then it is true that this man was charged with stealing a sack of attar by Abbas Khan?—Yes.

I think the man was acquitted?—Yes. It was a disgraceful thing and it was a thing that should never have been a thing against him. Therefore, you are all very naturally angry with Abbas Khan for doing it?—Why should we be angry about it? If he did do anything wrong he should be punished for it.

It is not an unnatural thing that you should all be angry with Abbas Khan?—Do not your officers know it is so?—Not necessarily.

Does not Captain Clements, your commanding officer, know that you are all rather fed up with Abbas Khan?—I do not know whether your commanding officer knows it or not.

His Worship: It seems to be quite obvious to me that they all have every reason to dislike Abbas Khan, but when this man comes and says he is as much a friend of Abbas Khan's as Hakim is, it does not seem very credible.

Mr. Zeitlyn: From what you have now said, sir, it seems that Abbas Khan from his actions does not seem to be a gentleman who would scruple to get any one into trouble; and I hope, sir, you will bear that in mind when I remind you of it later.

To the witness, Mr. Zeitlyn said: It has been suggested to you that you helped the defence?—I did not.

It is not true that you were sent for by Messrs. Deacon's several times and that you refused to go?—It was not necessary for me to go and I did not.

You did not make any statement until you came into the court on subpoena, when you made a pencilled statement?—No, I did not make any statement before then.

His Worship: I have a fifty-fifty knowledge of each side.

Mr. Zeitlyn: If that is so, there is only one obvious conclusion that can be come to in this case.

Another Indian witness said he was a book-keeper employed in a shop in the Haiphong Road. He knew Karim Bux had sold some medicine at one time, but it was always prepared beforehand. On one occasion defendant gave a man some medicine in a bottle for a disease, but the bottle was labelled.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

CORRESPONDENCE. THE VALUE OF SILENCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]—

Sir,—Since reading the report of the Rev. T. B. Powell's interesting sermon on the above subject, I have recalled to mind a sentence from that fascinating Hindu scripture "The Bhagavad Gita," running as follows: "In the quietude of the senses and the tranquillity of the mind a man may behold the Majesty of the Self." The text of Sunday morning's sermon was: "Be still and know that I am God." May it not be that both these quotations bear on the same thing; and that the words "Be still," can be interpreted as addressed to the restless senses and ratiocinative picture-making mind? Without a doubt in places where outer silence combines with surroundings of beauty, restful to the eye it is easier to attain to peace of mind than amidst tumult and bustle, but in seeking the silence for the purpose of securing peace of mind, we are confronted with the interesting and fascinating questions as to what this mind is that must be rendered tranquil, what it is that in us is deeper than our usual workaday mentality. The lower mind is undoubtedly a very restless piece of machinery, and frequently exhibits an almost exasperating activity when we wish it to cease its persistent meanderings and pictorializations. As for example, a man will have been mentally picturing over and over again some succession of incidents which have worried him during the day. He wishes to sleep. But his mind insists upon automatically running over the disturbing succession of events when he, the man, wants to be at peace and go to sleep. A duality here evidence itself. The man and his over-active mind have for the moment conflicting tendencies. The fact that we can switch our minds from the consideration of one subject to the consideration of another subject, that we can step thinking of Hongkong and commence thinking of London, shows that to some extent our mental processes are under our direction. But a man standing in a basket cannot lift himself by the handles. That which can even partially govern and control the mind must necessarily be superior to, greater than, the mind. There are ages in India who would tell one that much in the same way that the surface of a lake ruffled by wind will reflect only broken images of the most gorgeous moon, but perfectly calm will reflect the moon in its perfection of glory, so the mind of man, when fretful and storm-tossed with worries, anxiety or the ordinary thought processes, will not prove a suitable reflecting vehicle for part of him to manifest through for the sweetening of this world, but "In the quietude of the senses and the tranquillity of the mind," better conditions are offered.

Most of us can mentally picture a scene, our former home, a friend's face, a ship, but if we really want to find out how little our mind is under our control, it is very easily discoverable, by attempting to hold still even for ten seconds one of our mental, mind's eye, pictures! And schoolboys and scholars, professors, actors and second mates, know full well that bending the attention to even one subject or line of thought, for any length of time at a stretch is an extremely difficult thing, the mind continually wandering off and having to be reined back. The incidentally it might be mentioned that the habit daily practiced of paying "divided attention" to any books or totting up the figures of a bill—doing things with concentration in other words—is the long and somewhat arduous way in which is gradually and very slowly built up a measure of power to control the mind. The things done may be trifling, but the power that is built up by the way in which they are done with concentration only the least of extraordinary value. It is something of extraordinary things done in this way the higher, the Divine, done, trivial or not. A column of figures added with one-pointed attention is far less likely to have to be gone over two or three times than if concentration is lacking.

And what a merciful relief from so much unhappiness it would be if when the thought of a certain thing meant misery, one could completely drop it, and turn to something more cheerful. I believe that it is through the portals of the still mind—that is to be found the fragrant avenue that leads to spiritual regions and ultimately reaches to God. In Whom at deepest we are rooted. Happiness is the great thing we are all in search of, and however weird may seem at times, and however weird may seem the directions in which it is often looked for, but in the deeper, spiritual part of us, such happiness as we may have been privileged to feel in our lives from time to time really filters through into our outer personalities from this spiritual side of ourselves which is deeper than the ratiocinative, picture-making mind, which in conclusion, it may be said, is the reason why no effort of mental analysis has ever succeeded in explaining and accounting for the mysterious joy which is the essential nature of Love, the reason being that the lower and lesser cannot analyze the higher and greater, and Love emerges from deeper than the restless mind.—Yours truly, "X"

Hongkong, March 21st, 1925.

NATIONAL MUSIC.

A correspondent who recently asked the source of a quotation used in connection with some editorial comments on the work of Gilbert and Sullivan may be interested in the following extract of a lecture given at the Royal Institution on June 2nd, 1922, by Mr. MAURICE BARING. It may be added that it is considered an honour to lecture at the Royal Institution and we may therefore assume that Mr. MAURICE BARING is an authority on the subject which he discussed. The extract is as follows:—

"The late Arthur Strong, who was librarian of the House of Lords, and not only a scholar of encyclopaedic knowledge, but who also had a rare foresight of all the arts, and an appreciation based on knowledge, used to say that the greatest English composer England had produced since the days of Purcell was Arthur Sullivan, the Sullivan of *Pinafore* and *Ruddigore*, and not the Sullivan of the *Golden Legend*, and that compared with him most of our modern composers were but the grammarians of music."

We may add that Mr. MAURICE BARING, throughout his lecture, warmly praised the music to be found in the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan. It is, of course, a matter of taste whether music of *Pinafore* and *Ruddigore* is preferred to the cantatas of Stravinsky, but it is the taste of most people and it is not wanting endorsement by musical authorities.

MISSION OF HELP.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP.

The following is a letter from the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duggan) to the members of his diocese:— Bishop's House, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1925.

MY DEAR FRIENDS.—On March 13th the following cable reached us through Reuters:—"At the request of the bishops of the Church in China the Archbishop of Canterbury is sending two priests to visit missionaries, English communities, in the Chinese Coast diocese. Canon Woods, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, sails early in October. The second priest has not yet been chosen."

This means that for the Mission of Help to English speaking congregations in China, one of the missionaries will be the Rev. Canon E. S. Woods, brother of the Bishop of Winchester who was the leader of the recent Mission of Help to India.

Canon Woods is Chairman of the Life and Liberty Movement, and is one whose delightful personality and keen spiritual insight will be an inspiring force in our midst. During the War, Canon Woods who was not allowed for health reasons to serve in France, was Chaplain at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He has a connection with this diocese as from 1922 he was good enough to act as one of my commissaries in England.

The Mission will visit Hongkong early next year. It is proposed that the forthcoming Mission of Help should be the special subject of discussion at the Church of England Diocesan Conference to be held next month.—Your Friend and Bishop,

C. R. VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

LORD KNUTSFORD'S THANKS.

CHARMING LETTER TO MISS CAPELL.

Miss Violet Capell has received the following letter from Viscount Knutsford in reply to one which she sent to him together with a remittance, being part of the proceeds of the charity entertainment given by her pupils at the Queen's Theatre on January 10th and 11th, 1925.

DEAR MISS CAPELL.—I really cannot go on calling you "Dear Madame" in view of your wonderful kindness to this great place. However, how am I even to try and thank you and all those delightful pupils for this wonderful gift from the blue 250 is a positive godsend here, and I do so like to feel that it follows not only the keenest sympathy, but also real hard work. If we had a Golden Book of Benefactors here, the school would certainly deserve a place on the front page. Do please, if you can, thank everyone concerned in this as warmly as ever you can on my behalf.

As a very slight record of your remarkable help, I am taking the liberty of nominating you as an Honorary Life Governor of the Hospital. No responsibility attaches, but it is the only form of recognition in our power, and as such I hope you will regard it.—Yours very truly,

KNUTSFORD.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Prisoner of Zenda," a Metro production, had a successful run last year, and it is prophesied that the Selznick Distributing Corporation's "Rupert of Hentzau," which opens at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, will out-distance all previous photoplay winners.

It is said that never before in screen history has such a case of celebrity apathy been in any one production as may be seen in "Rupert of Hentzau." Elaine Hammerstein, Bert Lytell, Lew Cody, Hammerstein, Bert Lytell, Lew Cody, Bryant Washburn, Hobart Bosworth, Clifton Lewis, Elmo Lincoln and Marjorie Daw are all popular stars, while Adolphe Menjou, Nigel De Brulier, Josephine Crowell and Gertrude Astor are well-known for their many splendid portrayals in leading roles.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE. PRIZES PRESENTED BY H.E. SIR CLAUDE SEVERN.

The annual prize distribution at St. Stephen's College, took place yesterday, the awards being presented to the students by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Sir Claude Severn).

On the platform were Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. G. N. Orme, Director of Education, Mr. T. J. Gaisford-St. Lawrence (Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor), the Warden, the Rev. Mr. Shann and the Rev. E. W. L. Martin (School Chaplain).

Owing to the lack of accommodation no visitors were asked to be present. Sir Henry Pollock could not attend owing to pressure of work.

The Warden (the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, M.A., B.D.) opened by apologising for lack of space as they were in temporary quarters. After thanking His Excellency for coming, he read the report for 1924, parts of which stated: When the first Warden, Mr. Barnett (as he then was) arrived in 1903 to open the school he refused to use this very building in which we are assembled though it had been erected for the use of our College. He had faith that in a few months the new school would prove its usefulness to the Chinese community. This place was too small to serve even as a swaddling cloth for an infant. His faith was justified. And now the Ball's Court premises, which were vacated in January 1924 after a tenancy of 21 years, have had to be discarded because they could not be made into an adequate home for a school such as ours is and hopes to be. The recent departure of Archdeacon Barnett from the South China Mission of the C.M.S. has been a very severe loss to the College Council. The inspiration of his personality and his example still remain with us. His act of foresight and faith, of which this building reminds us, serves to encourage us at the present crisis in our affairs to plan largely and boldly for the future.

The year 1924 has indeed been critical in the history of the College. We have need to thank God for the providential care which has enabled us to carry on the work, though severely limited and handicapped in many ways. It is not easy to obtain residences in Hongkong even for a small family. It might well have been impossible to secure a temporary home for a school of over 200 boys, of whom, in 1924, 70 were boarders. But most providentially we were able to secure these premises to serve as class rooms and married quarters, and our Resident Masters with 50 boarders found accommodation at Pokufulam in the home called "The Home for Blind Girls," a house belonging to the German Mission Trustees. A large expenditure was required to adapt the building and its grounds to the uses of boys who were neither blind nor infirm. But even so we lost boarders for whom we had no rooms. Daily transport to school and back from Pokufulam House, as we now call it, is by a special motor bus service provided by the Hongkong Hotel Garage. Thus we have been enabled to carry on the school without interruption through the year.

Our Laboratory work has been very severely handicapped by the fact that the only room available was far too small. However, I am glad to state that now, through the kindness of the Church Missionary Society we have secured two rooms near St. John's Hall which are being fitted up as laboratory and science classrooms. This year we shall be able to give all our students better opportunities in this respect than we have ever had before.

FREE NIGHT SCHOOL.

The social and religious activities of the year have included the starting of a free night school for poor boys which is staffed and managed by present students. About 150 boys are in attendance here on six evenings in the week. The Y.M.C.A. had a very successful session, with well attended meetings under the presidency of Lee Keung Gin, one of our prefects. Several of our students were able to make a trip to Nanking and Peking during the summer vacation, with Mr. Warner as their guide and mentor. Opportunities were offered to the Sixth Form from time to time to pay visits to places of interest in Hongkong such as the Dock Yard and the Observatory. To those who welcomed and guided our students on such visits we owe thanks. Various parties were also organized to visit places of scenic interest in the Colony such as Tai Mo Shan and the Sheung Tin Valley. This side of our school life is worthy of note because of course it makes for a widening of outlook among the students, and for that growth of "camaraderie" which should surely be a principal aim of such a school as ours.

The following changes took place during the year in the staff:—Messrs. J. E. Warner, B.A., I. N. Chau, B.Sc., E. Y. Wong, B.A., and Y. L. Tang, B.Sc., have left. The last mentioned has gone on furlough for seven months. As Senior Resident Master he was in charge at Pokfulam House. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kirby also left in the course of the year. Mr. Warner took with him to England a party of four old boys who are going to study in England. Mr. F. A. Britton, M.A., has been on furlough, and his leave has been extended to September, 1925. The Rev. and Mrs. E. W. L. Martin returned from leave in September last. Messrs. G. H. Hughes, B.A., P. Sands, B.A., C. H. Tam, B.A., and R. Huang, B.Sc., have joined the staff. Mr. Tam and Mr. Huang are old boys of ours whom we are glad to receive back to school. We much appreciated

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BOARD OF EDUCATION. QUESTION OF VISITING LOCAL SCHOOLS.

A meeting of the Hongkong Board of Education was held, yesterday afternoon at the P.O. Building, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. N. Orme (Director of Education).

The CHAIRMAN said the first matter before them was the question by Mr. Aucott: "That in view of the Chairman's statement at the last meeting to the Board to the effect that he hoped before very long satisfactory arrangements would be made with regard to medical examination of school-children, will the Chairman please indicate what steps, if any, have so far been taken in this connection, and whether, and if so, when a medical officer is likely to be appointed?"

The CHAIRMAN said the answer to that was that the appointment had been recommended to the Secretary of State, but up to the present no reply had been received, but he could say that it would not be long before a reply was received.

Mr. Aucott: Might I ask when that letter was written, and when an answer might reasonably be expected?

The CHAIRMAN: I cannot tell you the exact date, but I should say that in a month, or at the most two months, a reply will be received.

Dr. Hickling said that he presumed that if an inspector were appointed, reports would be sent in to the Board. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that this would be a matter for future arrangement. They should not count their chickens before they were hatched.

KOWLOON MATTERS.
The CHAIRMAN said that he learned that Mr. Wylie was indisposed and was unable to attend the meeting, and asked that the question be proposed asking should stand over. That was all the business before the Board, but he would like to ask the Board if there were any members who would be willing to assist the department with reference to Kowloon matters.

Mr. Alves said he thought that most matters concerning Kowloon came through the Kowloon Residents' Association. The CHAIRMAN said, of course, they must think of the Chinese population, and the matters affected both Europeans and Chinese.

Mr. Tso: I live in Kowloon, and any such matter, if referred to me, I would only be too pleased to attend to.

INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.
Mr. Aucott raised the question of the procedure of visiting local schools. Was there any system in force, whereby Mr. Ralphs as Senior Inspector visited the Schools periodically.

The CHAIRMAN said that as far as Government Schools were concerned Government inspectors carried out periodical visits, but if members were particularly interested in a school they could carry out an inspection.

Dr. Hickling said that in the early days of the Board small sub-committees were formed to visit the schools. Mr. Alves: I think that visiting the schools would be a very good idea and would make members take a live interest in education here.

Mr. RUMJAHN said that he once visited a certain school in Hongkong and the Rev. Father in charge challenged his authority to inspect the school.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the members were now authorised to visit schools.

Those present were: The Director of Education, Mr. G. N. Orme (Chairman), the Rev. T. W. Pearce, D.D., O.B.E., Mr. U. Rumjahn, Dr. A. D. Hickling, M.B.E., Mr. E. F. Aucott, Chev. J. M. Alves, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. L. Forster, Capt. Watts, the Rev. Father Valiortas and Mr. A. R. Sutherland (Secretary).

SIR CLAUDE SEVERN.
His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Sir Claude Severn) said that he was very grateful to the Warden in being asked to come and give away the prizes, as the School had reached a crisis in its history. It was in temporary premises and arrangements were being made to secure a better home. The Government had promised a site at Stanley, which they were willing to give on certain conditions, one of these being that \$500,000 was raised by September.

He mentioned that Sir Henry Pollock had calculated that at least \$750,000 would be required to put the school in correct order. His Excellency then appealed to boys from the F.M.S., Java and Straits Settlements to do all in their power to help with the collecting of the money. He mentioned that the Government could not go back on the conditions it imposed before the site could be granted. He further stressed the fact that the present boys should do their part in maintaining the present standard and esprit de corps in the school. His Excellency then presented the prizes.

THE MISSING LINK. LECTURE ON PROF. RAYMOND DART'S DISCOVERY.

An extremely interesting and enlightening lecture on "Professor Raymond Dart's Discovery of the Alleged Missing Link," was given by Professor J. L. Shellshear under the auspices of the University of Hongkong, at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. Despite the pouring rain there was a very encouraging attendance and the lecturer's address was followed throughout with the closest attention. His lecture was admirably illustrated by a number of capital lantern slides. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong (Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A.), presided.

Professor Shellshear began his lecture by stating that the skull which had been called the missing link had been found in lime-paves at Taung. Professor Raymond Dart, who made this discovery, found that it was the skull of an anthropoid ape having human characteristics. The skull was very similar to that of the human. In connection with the history of the find, Professor Shellshear pointed out that although the skull was actually discovered by a geologist in South Africa, it was due to the initiative of Professor Dart, who had been working in Johannesburg. The cast of the brain gave a clear indication of the extent to which the animal had developed, and it was the brain which very definitely marked man from the other animals. It was claimed by Professor Dart that the brain of his anthropoid man was developed in a corresponding higher degree than the higher apes had developed. It was therefore held that it was this development which had given rise to the human species. The lecturer went on to deal with evidence on three points derived from this, namely, the question of the form of the skull and the jaw, the taking of an upright position and the development of the brain.

Speaking in connection with the development of the brain, Professor Shellshear said professor Dart had been very fortunate in securing a specimen showing a large amount of brain structure. The speaker then went on to refer to the development of the brain from lower forms, beginning with the ancestors of the anthropoid ape.

QUESTION OF BRAINS.
The brain of the orang outang showed great development, and the division in the brain between the portions governing bearing, sight and touch had increased much more in this animal than in the other apes. These were no definite human characteristics. Continuing, Professor Shellshear stated that the brain of an orang outang, which he owned, showed a great expansion in this area. This region seemed to expand in all anthropoids which had the use of eyes, touch and hearing. The lecturer further pointed out by means of a slide that a Chinese brain, which he had, showed all the characteristics of Professor Dart's specimen, and said it was in this particular area of the brain that the great similarity between the anthropoid apes and man could be seen.

In conclusion the lecturer said that the importance of Professor Dart's discovery rested not so much on the fact that it was a missing link, but on the length of time during which animals had brains of this formation. The find was one of the most important in present day science and was very stimulating to those interested in the University of Hongkong. Professor Shellshear concluded that he was glad he had had the opportunity of speaking there. It was rather a dry job doing purely scientific work and not being able to speak about it, and he was very glad he had been able to address them.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS.
The Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the University, thanked Dr. Shellshear for his most interesting address and also thanked those who had attended, despite the bad weather. Professor Shellshear and Professor Dart at one time studied together and after the war, found themselves in London, working under Professor Elliot Smith. When the Hongkong University wanted a chair in anatomy, it was just a question as to whether Professor Shellshear or Professor Raymond Dart should fill it, and the former came; while the latter went to Johannesburg. Despite the difficulties under which professor Shellshear had worked in Hongkong, he thought they would agree that his scientific work had not been wasted (applause). Professor Shellshear went on to add to the sum of knowledge and also to the glory and lustre of the University of which he was proud to be the Vice-Chancellor (applause).

ALLEGED FALSE TRADEMARK.
YUNNANESE SUMMONED.

Tin Po Lee of 99, Jervois Street, was summoned before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for having in his possession bags of flour bearing a false trademark, it being known as the "Kingfisher" trademark, which was the property of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. The flour bags were seized in the China Navigation Co.'s Godown.

Mr. M. H. Turner represented Dodwell & Co. Defendant is a Yunnanese and some difficulty was experienced in explaining the charge to him. His Worship explained that if he used the trademark in ignorance then he would not be guilty. The case was adjourned until this morning.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE. DIRECTOR WHO TOOK \$23,000 FROM FIRM.

SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS.
At the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) yesterday morning, Jung Tan Lloyd, director in the firm of Messrs. J. T. Lloyd & Co., Ltd., was charged with uttering forged documents, purporting to be receipts for money paid into the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, with fraudulent appropriation, and with embezzlement. Prisoner pleaded guilty on 16 counts, the first eight counts being charges of uttering forged receipts the majority being for sums which should have been paid into the bank for confirmation of letters of credit against documents in London, representing a sterling value of over £7,000, the details being as follows: (1), October 8th, 1923, forged receipt for \$3,375; (2), October 6th, 1923, forged receipt for \$5,750; (3), December 27th, 1923, forged receipt for \$2,700; (4), March 21st, 1924, forged receipt for \$490; (5), March 28th, 1924, forged receipt for \$350; (6), April 4th, forged receipt for \$1,480; (7), October 21st, \$1,350; and (8), November 10th, 1923, forged receipt for \$3,000.

Further charges were those of embezzlement of \$3,375, \$5,750, and \$2,700 received by him on account of his co-partners in the firm of Messrs. J. T. Lloyd & Co., and the fraudulent appropriation of the funds of Messrs. J. T. Lloyd & Co., Ltd., the amounts being: \$490, \$350, \$1,480, \$1,350, and \$3,000.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (Acting Attorney-General) prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the defence.

Sir Henry said that the charges covered the period from October, 1923, to November, 1924, and the sums involved totalled \$22,965. The reason for the alteration of the charges after 1925 from embezzlement to fraudulent appropriation was that in January, 1924, the firm of Messrs. J. T. Lloyd & Co. was converted into a limited liability company. The receipts were chopped with a chop purporting to be that of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and signed with a name which he was unable to suggest bore any resemblance to the name of anyone employed in the bank.

PLEA FOR LENIENCY.
Mr. Jenkin contended that prisoner was in the box as the result of precipitate action by his partners. By precipitate action he meant that they, having discovered the defalcations, in the heat of the moment had had him arrested. They later regretted their action, and had asked for permission to withdraw the charges. If prisoner were allowed to go he would make full restitution. He had speculated, and when the market went against him, he borrowed money from the firm. He hoped His Lordship would see his way clear to impose a light sentence.

ADDRESS BY JUDGE.
Addressing the prisoner, His Lordship said Mr. Jenkin had made a powerful appeal on his behalf and it appeared that he had done his best to clear up the case. At the same time, his offences had been a very deliberate one and had been carried out over a considerable period of time. It was very sad to find a man, who had previously led a respectable life, in his position. Those most directly interested had appealed for leniency, but he had to look at the case not only from their point of view but also from the point of view of the public. No man could be allowed to commit a fraud of this nature with impunity, merely because those whom he had defrauded did not wish to press the charge. He, however, decided to deal lightly with the prisoner, who would be sent to prison for nine months with hard labour.

LIQUOR SMUGGLING.
AN OFFICIAL NOTICE.

New regulations have been framed to prevent smuggling of liquor from ship to shore, following recent seizures by Revenue Officers. Therefore the Imports and Exports authority have posted the following notice in the Harbour Office: "Notice is hereby given that on and after April 1st no removal permit for dutiable liquor and tobacco will be passed for removal on board to ships' stores, unless the application is accompanied by an order signed by the agents of the ship. Such order must be drawn up in such a way as to prevent any addition being made after signature. When the order does not fill the whole of the form a line should be drawn immediately after the entry. When any alterations have been made, such should be initialled by the person signing the order. Clerks have received orders strictly to observe these instructions, and any order which appears to have been improperly altered will not be passed. The reason for this alteration in procedure is the discovery of serious leakage through the custom of ship's officers handing over to harbour runners signed blank forms which are then filled in, and used to enable dutiable goods to be withdrawn from bond, and disposed of ashore. (Signed) J. D. LLOYD, Superintendent of Imports and Exports."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

FROM 1st APRIL, 1925, My Business Address will be No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD, 2nd Floor.
ALFRED HALL,
Solicitor.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1925. [2059]

THE NORTH POINT DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company duly convened and held at the Registered Office of the Company, PRINCE'S BUILDING, 100 HONG KONG STREET, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of MARCH, 1925, the following RESOLUTIONS were passed and at a Special Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company also duly convened and held at the same place on MONDAY, the 30th day of MARCH, 1925, the following Special Resolution was duly passed, namely:—

"That the North Point Development Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. SAMUEL MACDONALD O'BRYEN be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up."
Dated this 30th day of March, 1925.
S. M. CHURN,
Chairman.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911, SEC. 181, AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE NORTH POINT DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MEETING of CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at the Registered Office, PRINCE'S BUILDING, 100 HONG KONG STREET, HONGKONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of APRIL, 1925, at 2.30 p.m.
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FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

THE Motor Vessel

"GLENGARRY" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. All Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th April, will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Co., at 10 a.m., on the 3rd April, 1925. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized. Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for counter-signature.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1925. [2056]

PRINCE LINE FAR EAST SERVICE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"GOTHIC PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 1st instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. All Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th instant, will be subject to Rent. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th instant, will be subject to Rent. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be counter-signed. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by FURNES (FAR EAST), LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road, Hongkong. Telephone No. 8165.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1925. [2063]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"COPENHAGEN" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. All Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th April, 1925, will be subject to Rent. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th April, 1925, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th April, 1925, at 10 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1925. [2060]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CONSULADO DE PORTUGAL.

O Conselheiro de Portugal pede a todos os membros da Comunidade Portuguesa o favor de comparecerem Hoje, 2 de Abril, na Sala Luis de Camões do Club Lusitano, pelas 5.30 da tarde.
2-4-1925. [2061]

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SKERWAT & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of APRIL, 1925, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1924, and of electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1925. [2025]

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

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J. BARTHOLOMEW,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1925. [2007]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

THE Steamer

"SAARBRUECKEN" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. All Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th April, will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Co., at 10 a.m., on the 3rd April, 1925. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized. Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for counter-signature.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.
Hongkong, March 29th, 1925. [2044]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"HECTOR" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Hoi To Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Hoi To Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 30th March. Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th April, will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 24th April, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1925. [2043]

S.S. "PAUL LECAT."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, LERS, &c., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Underwriter. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 6th April, 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges. All Claims must be sent in to us on or before Wednesday, the 8th April, 1925, or they will not be recognized. All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 4th April, 1925, at 10.00 a.m., by Messrs. Godard & D'Angine. No Fire Insurance has been effected. B. RODENFUSHER, Agent.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1925. [2046]

INTIMATIONS

DENISON RAM & GIBBS.

THE Interest and Responsibility of ALBERT DENISON in the Firm of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS will cease from 31st MARCH, 1925. Mr. EDWARD FREDERICK RONALD SIMPLE, A.R.B.A., is admitted as a Partner in the Firm from 1st APRIL, 1925. The Business will be carried on under the Name of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS. [2049]

NOTICE.

Partnership heretofore subsisting between MAN KAM LO and MAN WAI LO and ALFRED EDWARD HALL carrying on Business as Solicitors at Alexandra Building under the Style or Firm of MANSUKH LO AND LO has been dissolved as from the 1st day of APRIL, 1925, so far as concerns the said ALFRED EDWARD HALL who Retires from the said Firm. Dated the 31st day of March, 1925.
(Signed) M. K. LO.
(Signed) M. W. LO.
(Signed) ALFRED E. HALL.

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.
NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE PRESENTATION PLATE to Mr. W. SINGLAI is on View at Messrs. FALCONER'S until SATURDAY, 4th APRIL.
W. A. HANNIBAL,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE HONGKONG BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP has now commenced at the Victoria Recreation Club. CHARGES of ADMISSION to the Preliminary are: Club Members and Soldiers and Sailors 25 cents; Non-Members of the V.R.C. 50 cents. The First Session commences at 6 o'clock each Evening. [2021]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to CHU KWONG LAM of 312, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4444 and dated Thirtieth day of November, 1907, for Shares numbered 1423 to 1429, both inclusive, and 7103 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty Days from the Date hereof No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates. Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.
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TO LET.

GODOWNS in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (Basement). Apply—SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. [2032]

TO LET.

STORAGE SPACE on Marine Lots with Godowns and Chinese Houses TO LET. W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD., Kowloon Bay. [1798]

TO LET.

FROM JUNE 1st, 1925, Two OFFICE ROOMS on 2nd Floor, NEW BANK BUILDING. Most suitable for Share or Exchange Brokers. Apply to SANG KEE, same Building. [1984]

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MARRIAGE.

CLARE—GRABBY—At Shanghai, on March 28th, PERCIVAL son of the late ALFRED CLARE and Mrs. CLARE, of Wimbledon, London, to GRACE WENFORD, daughter of CHARLES RICHARD and ELIZABETH GRABBY, of Lindfield, Sydney, N.S.W.

DEATHS.

BROWN—At Shanghai, on March 26th, Mrs. PAUL W. BROWN.

COLLACON—At Shanghai, MARIA COLLACON, mother of JOSE R. COLLACON and of the late LEAO JOSE VICENTE COLLACON.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 2ND, 1925.

CHINA AS A MARKET FOR

STEEL.

MANY people in this part of the world will be interested in the summary of an address delivered at the London Iron and Steel Exchange by Sir EDGAR REES JONES, which appears among the cables to-day. European and American markets, he says, have been steadily closing to British producers of iron and steel, while the British Dominions "have commenced to produce substantially for their own requirements. Sir REES JONES looks to China to become the greatest steel importing country in the world within the next half century, and his address contained an earnest appeal to British merchants and manufacturers to get this market. By mere chance just after reading this cable, an American review of the iron and steel industry came under our notice, and it was curious to notice, with the London cable fresh in mind, that the American view refers to "the decline in the 1924 production of iron and steel in the United States," and to "the increased output abroad." It is, however, observed that Great Britain exported in 1924, 464,000 tons less of iron and steel than in 1923, but the reason assigned for this is that Great Britain was handicapped by labour difficulties and rising exchange rates. Some corroboration of Sir REES JONES's statement that the American market has been

steadily closing to British producers is to be found in the statement that "in 1913 more than 90 per cent. of United States' production was consumed in the domestic market, and in 1924 about 95 per cent." On the other hand, we are told that "on account of the broad domestic demand resulting from rapid industrial recuperation and development the share of the United States in world exports of iron and steel has declined considerably from the 1913 level." This does not seem to be entirely accounted for by the statement that the domestic market absorbs 5 per cent. more of the United States production than it did ten years ago. Europe last year, although gaining over 1923, produced considerably less iron and steel than in 1913. Yet the American reviewer tells us that Europe has the potential capacity to consume all the steel it can produce with existing facilities.

"It has been estimated," he says, "that in the last ten years Europe has not on the average consumed commercially one-eighth as much steel as is consumed in the United States per capita. At present 27 countries of Europe are behind not only in railroad construction but in practically all other steel-consuming industries. Potential demand is, therefore, likely to be relatively greater in Europe than in America." There is no mention of the China market in the American review. The China market, as at present is relatively a very small one. No doubt, China is destined to become the greatest steel importing market in the world. Judging from the tenor of his remarks Sir REES JONES thinks that only inefficient organisation on the part of the British merchants in China prevents it from being a much bigger market than it is for British iron and steel. We do not know what special qualifications Sir EDGAR REES JONES possesses for teaching British merchants in China their business, but they will doubtless be interested to read the advice and the warning conveyed in his address. "In order to get the market in China [which he is convinced will absorb the whole steel plate and galvanised sheet output of Great Britain], British merchants must bestir themselves," he says. "The merchandising of British steel must be done through an organisation fitting the peculiar organisation of Chinese life—an organisation with ample capital based not only at the Treaty ports, but spreading into the interior. If merchants would not establish such an organisation themselves, the manufacturers must do it. Something like the old companies of merchant-adventurers are required, as pioneering must be done." It would be a mistake to suppose that something has not been attempted and something done in this direction. Our impression is that it has been done, too, at no inconsiderable sacrifice on the part of both merchants and manufacturers, and we think Sir EDGAR REES JONES might be well assured that if business is to be had in China it will not be through lack of efforts on the part of British merchants that it is not obtained.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended on March 31st shows one case each of diphtheria and enteric fever, both Chinese.

Mr. L. H. Lamb, of H.M. Consular Service in China, has been transferred from Peking to Chengtu, where he will be stationed as Vice-Consul.

The s.s. *Shangti*, built to the order of Messrs. G. S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., of Sydney, is to be launched at the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks on April 15th.

The General Officer Commanding the Forces in China will inspect the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on Friday, April 17th, at 6 p.m., on Murray Parade Ground.

The subject of the weekly public lecture delivered before the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society at their meeting yesterday evening was "Karma—the law of Cause and Effect."

The grand concert in aid of the Missions to Seamen takes place at the Theatre Royal this evening. An excellent programme has been arranged and a delightful evening is assured.

Mr. Hatt, of the China and Japan Telephone Co., has reported to the police that the automatic money box at the call office at the Kowloon Railway Station was stolen on Monday.

The Kanchi steamer *Linschow* which went ashore at the Western entrance to the Hainan Straits, while on her way from Haiphong to Hongkong, has been refloated and arrived in port yesterday morning.

It is reported that Mr. H. W. Abbott, the airman, met with further bad luck in Manila, one of his seaplanes being blown from its moorings last week in a storm, and drifting out to sea during the night.

Capt. Jones, skipper of the *Chuen Chow*, was bitten in the right leg on Monday by a dog owned by Mr. Allan, chief engineer on the same ship. The dog, which had previously bitten two passengers, has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

Sir Skinner Turner, Chief Judge of the British Supreme Court in China, sitting at Peking, granted a decree nisi in a petition for divorce brought by Mrs. James Hector Watts against her husband on the ground of the husband's misconduct. The petitioner had left her husband and is residing in England. The case was heard in her absence.

Three Chinese, two being former police officers and the other a teacher, appeared in the Mixed Court at Shanghai last week charged with conspiring together and demanding by means of threats and menace the sum of \$20,000 from Lawrence K. Kentwell, a British barrister. The two police officers are further charged with unlawfully demanding a bribe relative to the performance of their official duties.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Association will be held in the Victoria Hall, Leicester Square, London, on June 24th. Writing in the *Monthly Messenger* of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Lindsay, expresses the hope that people going home this Spring from Kowloon will send him their home addresses as he should very much like them to receive invitations.

Captain H. Hodgson, an Australian mining expert, arrived in Brisbane recently on route to Siam where he is returning after successfully floating two new companies in Australia to engage in the tin mining industry in that country. He stated there were seven (1) companies engaged in tin mining in Siam. All were paying good dividends and five more Australian companies, including the two he had mentioned, were starting operations this year. Five of the seven established companies were Australian.

OBITUARY.

CAPT. E. H. LAWRENCE.

FUNERAL LAST EVENING.

The death took place on Tuesday evening at his residence, No. 40, Laichikok Road, Kowloon, of Capt. E. H. Lawrence, one of the oldest officers on the China Coast.

About three months ago he retired from the sea, and intended to settle down and spend his remaining days in Hongkong. He had been in the Colony for nearly 40 years.

Capt. Lawrence, who was 63, was a member of the China Coast Officers' Guild. He was also well known as a keen sportsman.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday evening, the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith reading the service at the graveside. Only the most intimate friends of the late Capt. Lawrence were present. These included, Messrs. G. E. Stevens, C. J. M. Hoyem, C. E. Thompson, Inspector Hutchins, Sergeants Moreton, Munro and O'Connell.

Among the floral tributes placed on the grave were those from: Sister, Winny, Sammy, Lolo, Inspector Grant, The China Coast Officers' Guild, s.s. *Vo Pa Tai*, Nam Street Police Mess, Shamshui-po Police Mess, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Messrs. O. J. M. Hoyem, G. E. Stevens, L. Tyler, C. S. Rosseter, Bitchard, G. W. Moreton and Dr. B. C. Wong.

CAPT. J. P. SCHOLTEN.

The Hongkong office of the Java-China-Japan Lijn received a cable from Soerabaya on Tuesday to the effect that Captain J. P. Scholten of the s.s. *Tjisandari* fell into the No. 1 hold of his steamer at that port and later succumbed to injuries sustained.

was one of the oldest J.C.L. captains, of a cheery disposition and was much liked by everybody. He leaves a wife and two children, who are at home.

TAXICAB IN SEA.

DRIVER'S UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE

LAST NIGHT.

Shortly after 9 o'clock last night, a taxi-cab driver drew up his car near Black Pier, after returning from a journey. He then went off on an errand; and on his return found that his cab had disappeared. Apparently, the chauffeur had not fixed his brakes properly. At any rate, shortly after the driver's departure, the taxi was seen slowly moving backwards towards the sea-wall. Before anyone could render assistance, the taxi fell into the sea; and soon disappeared.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH ROUTER'S AGENCY.]

EARL BALFOUR WELCOMED.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL HOLDS
BRILLIANT RECEPTION.

HISTORIC ASSEMBLY IN JERUSALEM.

JERUSALEM, April 1st.
An interminable procession of motor-cars, crawling up the slopes of the Mount of Olives last night to Government House where Sir Herbert Samuel, High Commissioner of Palestine, gave a brilliant reception on the eve of Earl Balfour's opening the new Hebrew University.

The picturesque and historic assemblage included Field-Marshal Lord Allenby and Mr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organisation, and numerous delegates. All Palestine was represented. Ecclesiastics of every sect were there, from Abyssinians and Copts, in sombre black, to white-clad Dominican friars. Earl Balfour was the most noteworthy figure, overtopping the rest and looking very fit and cheerful.

THE NEW UNIVERSITY.

The new University is built on Mount Scopus and is designed to be the centre of advanced research in branches of science and learning, for which Palestine offers special facilities. It includes a microbiological institute to investigate local infectious diseases which will form the nucleus of the medical faculty. Another institute will form the nucleus of a chemical faculty. Still another will specialise in Jewish religion, literature, and language. Teaching will be provided for the Arabs.

SOVIET TRADE.

STEIMANN STATES LATEST
REQUIREMENTS.

Moscow, April 1st.

The Soviet is ready to meet the "solid elements of private capital, inviting them to pass from profit-making operations to normal trade, with normal profits." Thus spoke M. Steimann, Commissary of Inland Trade, addressing a meeting of representatives of private firms and companies. He explained the Soviet's attitude towards the influx of private capital into trade and industry in Russia, adding that the Government is ready to grant credit and fiscal and juridical facilities. Private bills would be accepted for discount.

Taxes on private trade are now being revised with a view to their reduction.

UNRULY FRENCH STUDENTS.

WARM DEBATE IN PARIS
CHAMBER.

Paris, April 1st.

There was a warm debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the rioting in the Latin Quarter on March 28th. It terminated at 3 o'clock this morning with a vote of confidence in the Government by 315 to 220.

M. Albert, Minister of Education, condemned the movement as political. He refused to countenance sabotaging the University and Education, or to recognise the right of students to appoint professors.

According to the newspapers, the recently formed committee of defence, at the University of Liberties, issued a manifesto calling on the students for a 48 hours' strike.

The medical student sentenced in connection with the disturbances on March 28th, yesterday sat at his examination, flanked by two policemen.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

PARIS FRAMING PERTINENT
QUESTIONS.

Paris, April 1st.

According to *L'Echo de Paris*, France will ask Germany, firstly, to state her intentions regarding the "Polish" and Czech-Slovak borders and as regards Austria; secondly, whether she is disposed to accept all obligations of the League of Nations; thirdly, whether she is prepared to engage to respect the Italian and Belgian borders as well as the French ones. — *Havas*.

EARLIER CABLES.

WESER BRIDGE COLLAPSES.
LARGE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS
BELIEVED DROWNED.

Berlin, March 31st.

The collapse of a pontoon bridge erected over the river Weser, between Veltheim and Hausberge, resulted in the drowning of numerous Reichwehr soldiers.

It is believed that between 30 and 100 were drowned.

LATEST CABLES.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

Berlin, April 1st.

Eighty-four perished in yesterday's accident on the Weser. Seventy-eight are still missing. The disaster is attributed to the negligence of the commanding officer, cramming 150 soldiers on a pontoon only intended to carry 100.

EARLIER CABLES.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

LAST SERVICE UNDER DOME
PRIOR TO CLOSING.

London, March 31st.

Impressive incidents, attended the service of Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral, being the occasion of the last service to be held under the dome prior to the closing of the eastern part of the building for the work of preservation, which is estimated to take six months. The services, in the meantime, are to be held in the western end of the nave and St. Dunstan's Chapel.

The organ will no longer be in use, but part of it may be temporarily moved and re-erected.

The high altar will be moved to the centre of the nave.

The Cathedral will now accommodate 1,000 only, instead of 7,000 normally.

SCOTSWOOD DISASTER.

THIRTY-EIGHT MEN MISSING
FROM PIT.

London, March 31st.

It is officially announced that 38 are missing as a result of the inflow of water at the Montague Pit, at Scotswood, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, of whom 25 are married.

The situation underground has become worse owing to black damp, and the water is increasing in volume.

Sympathetic references to the disaster were made in the House of Commons, which unanimously decided to give precedence to a private motion on mining accidents.

To-night, a Labourite asked the Speaker to invite the members of the House of Commons to express their sympathy with the relatives of the victims in manner similar to the recent expression of sympathy with the late Earl Curzon's relatives.

The Speaker replied that he felt convinced that the whole of the House sympathised with the suggestion.

RESCUE WORK ABANDONED.

Later.
The Consulting Engineer at the Montague Pit has abandoned all hope of rescuing any of the entombed miners alive.

It is estimated that it will take three weeks pumping at high pressure to clear the pit.

CRIME IN BENGAL.

SUBJECT UNDER DEBATE IN
HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, March 31st.

A responsive note was sounded by Lord Birkenhead (Secretary of State for India) in the course of the Indian debate in the House of Lords to-night.

In regard to the recent outrages of the Swarajist leader, Mr. Das, in which he expressed his abhorrence of political assassinations and violence in any form as well as repression by the Government, Lord Birkenhead expressed a desire to join with Mr. Das and lay aside undue suspicion. He would hopefully watch the results of Mr. Das' appeal to his supporters.

If he saw revolutionary societies begin to atrophy for want of monetary and moral support and the channels of communication between the political and anarchical world effectively closed, then a new era would have begun in Bengal, and the need for what Mr. Das called repression would have disappeared.

He emphasised, however, that all the British authorities concerned with the legislation for the repression of crimes of violence constantly and justly repressed any intention or practice of repressing political opinion.

He invited Mr. Das to take a further step and co-operate with the Government in repressing violence.

All we desired was co-operation between the British and Indian political parties with a view to the progressive realisation of responsible Government in India as an integral part of the Empire. Never would it be reached by violence and desperate crimes.

WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.

THE GUARANTEE BILL PASSES
SECOND READING.

London, March 31st.

The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the British Empire Exhibition Guarantee Bill, whereby eleven hundred thousand pounds sterling is guaranteed.

Mr. A. M. Samuel, (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the Overseas Department of Trade), the mover, said he hoped the exhibition would open in the first week of May.

COURT-MARTIAL IN FRANCE.

TRIAL OF SADOUL OPENS AT
AT ORLEANS.

Paris, March 31st.

The trial of Sadoul was opened at the Orleans Court-Martial.

On the application of the Prosecution, all the charges except desertion were withdrawn.

Sadoul, who is an ex-barrister, conducted his own defence. He emphasised his services to France whilst in Russia, and he described himself as one of the pioneers in the Franco-Russian rapprochement.

The hearing was adjourned.

It is expected that the trial will last a week.

The police are adopting stringent measures to prevent disturbances.

ATLANTIC CABLE.

AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN
GERMANY AND U.S.A.

Berlin, March 31st.

An agreement has been reached between the German and American cable interests for the re-establishment of direct communication between the two countries. The German company will handle the entire traffic of the Commercial and Western Union companies to and from Germany, between Emden and the Azores; while the American companies will administer the traffic from the Azores to America.

Portugal has agreed to the landing of a cable at the Azores.

COLLISION IN CAUCASUS.

TEN KILLED IN TRAIN SMASH
NEAR MOSCOW.

Moscow, March 31st.

An express from the Caucasus collided with a local train on the outskirts of Moscow to-day, and 10 persons were killed and 25 injured.

FIRST LABOUR BUDGET.

RESULTS ARE BETTER THAN
ANTICIPATED.

London, March 31st.

The results of the first Labour budget in the financial year closed to-day, show that instead of the estimated deficit of £7,046,000, after taking into account the supplementary expenditure, the surplus is £3,658,884.

The net decrease of revenue, as compared with 1923-4, was £27,733,689, chiefly due to the falling off in customs and excise.

EARLIER CABLES.

GOLD FOR INDIA.
BIG SHIPMENT FROM U.S.A. BY
PARCEL POST REFUSED.

New York, March 31st.

The shipment of \$100,000 dollars in gold by parcel post to India was frustrated owing to the refusal of a British line of steamers to transport the gold at Marseilles. The gold, therefore, was returned to New York.

It is understood that the parcel post scheme, if successful, would have saved considerable expense.

YOUNG SCOUNDREL.

CHINESE YOUTH SENT TO GAOL.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

An unemployed Chinese youth was charged with breaking into the residence of Mr. Joseph Gonzales, engineer, No. 61, Austin Road, Kowloon, and stealing a number of household articles. An alternative charge of unlawfully receiving the articles knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained, was also brought against defendant, who was further charged with receiving property which had been stolen from three other houses.

It was stated that defendant was arrested in the street by a detective and found to have part of the stolen goods in his possession. In consequence of a statement made by him, the remainder of the property was recovered in a matched.

Mr. Gonzales stated that the rain had made one of the walls of No. 61, Austin Road dangerous, and he had removed to No. 71. During his absence from his former residence, the houses were broken into and a number of articles taken.

Defendant who denied possession of the stolen property, said that the matched was occupied by others as well as himself.

His Worship, who said that defendant was a thorough young scoundrel, convicted him on four charges, that of burglary being dismissed. Defendant was sentenced to terms of imprisonment, with hard labour, amounting to six months.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH ROUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COSSACK EXODUS.

QUITTING SHANGHAI HAS NO
POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Shanghai, April 1st.

The *North China Daily News*, commenting on the departure of the *a.s. Mongguyai*, says the departure appears to have been interpreted, in some quarters, as a political event of first-class importance in relation to Russian affairs in the Far East, being said to indicate the end of the White monarchist group.

In point of fact, it is nothing of the kind. It simply means that the so-called Cossack General and his band of Cossacks have decided to return to Russia—a very sensible thing, considering the unfortunate circumstances in which they found themselves here—stranded and virtually existing on charity.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

M. PAUL CLAUDET INTERVIEWED
BY "L'EXCELSIOR."

Paris, April 1st.

M. Paul Claudet, interviewed by *L'Excelsior*, stressed that there was a great deal of Japanese interest in all that is French. He said the best of the Japanese are perfectly acquainted with French intellectual developments. — *Havas*.

OSAKA AND SUBURBS.

NOW FIFTH LARGEST CITY IN
THE WORLD.

Tokyo, April 1st.

Osaka and suburbs were amalgamated to-day, resulting in a commercial city of 2,030,000 inhabitants. It ranks as the world's fifth largest city.

BRITISH STEEL INDUSTRY.

CHINA MAY YET BECOME
HEAVY IMPORTER.

London, March 31st.

In the course of an address delivered in the London Iron and Steel Exchange, Sir Edgar Rees Jones, dived on the foreign competition in steel. He pointed out that the European markets had been steadily closing to British producers, and that India, Canada, Australia and South Africa had commenced to produce substantially for their own requirements. Therefore, the British steel industry must find new markets in the less developed parts of the world.

Japan was also making progress in steel production, and might shortly become a serious competitor in the Eastern market.

He said he felt convinced that within half-a-century China would be the greatest steel importing nation in the world, and would be able to take the whole of the steelplate and galvanised sheet output of Great Britain, but in order to get that market British merchants must better themselves.

The merchandising of British steel must be done through an organisation fitting to the peculiar organisation of Chinese life, and an organisation based not only on treaty ports, but spreading throughout the interior.

If the merchants themselves would not establish such an organisation, the manufacturers must do it. Something like the old companies of merchant adventurers was required, as pioneering work must be done.

CHINA INDEMNITY BILL.
AMENDMENT TO CONFINE FUND
TO EDUCATION, IS LOST.

London, March 31st.

The Standing Committee of the House of Commons, presided over by Sir Robert Hamilton (L. Orkney), considered the China Indemnity Bill and rejected by 26 votes to 6 an amendment moved by Hon. A. W. H. Ponsonby (Lab. Brightside) confining the application of the money to educational and cultural purposes.

Mr. Ronald McNeill (C. Canterbury) said that both the Labour Government and the present Government deliberately concluded that the object in view could be best served by the simple words of the Bill. The amendment would only hamper and restrict the discretion of the Advisory Committee, who might safely be relied upon to exercise it in the direction both nations would desire.

He believed that the money would be substantially applied to educational purposes. He proposed later to move an amendment to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee from ten to eleven in order to empower an increase in the Chinese element on the Committee.

POLITICAL SITUATION
IN CHINA.

[THROUGH ROUTER'S AGENCY.]

PROVINCIAL ALLIANCE.

WU PEI FU IN LIMELIGHT
ONCE AGAIN.

Peking, April 1st.

According to a Chinese Press report, the provinces of Hunan, Hupeh, Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuan are on the point of forming a definite alliance and have already reached some understanding.

They are said to have decided to nominate General Tang Chi Yao and Marshal Wu Pei Fu joint heads of the coalition.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.
AFTER TWO WEEKS' RECESS,
SESSIONS RESUMED.

Peking, March 31st.

The Reorganisation Conference will meet again to-day after a fortnight's recess. Fifteen different items are on the agenda, mostly referring to matters connected with military reorganisation, abolition of the Tachun system and similar questions.

After an animated discussion it was decided to refer all the fifteen items to a committee of military experts for investigation and to report within five days.

PROVINCIAL FEDERATION.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPRECIATES
LATEST PROPOSAL.

Peking, March 31st.

The Chief Executive, Tuan Chi Jui, telegraphed the following reply to the recent communication from Tang Chi Yao and Chao Heng Ti, advocating the adoption of the provincial federation system:

"I quite appreciate your proposal for the adoption of the provincial federation system. However, the chief object of the recent political reconstruction efforts has been to enable the aims of the national and provincial constitutions to be realised simultaneously. When I arrived in the capital on November 1st, I issued several circular telegrams announcing this, and at the inauguration of the Rehabilitation Conference, I emphatically stated that the adoption of a Provincial Constitution does not differ greatly from the view you have expressed. Our fellow-countrymen, therefore, must hope that whatever organisation is to draft the new Constitution for the nation will speedily come into being, so as the reconstruction efforts now being made may achieve success. I, however, have referred your telegram to the Conference."

REASON AND DISPUTES.
MR. J. H. THOMAS'S OPINION.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., addressing a rally of West of England railwaymen at Bristol yesterday, said he had no new policy to propose, but he was still confident that reason was the better method of adjusting disputes than force could ever be. The policy of the strike, he said, was the last, and not the first, resort. It was not only a good policy; it was the policy that had made the railwaymen the strongest force they were to-day. "It is quite true," said Mr. Thomas, "that the General Election was a disappointment to many of us, but we are not going to place the responsibility for the lack of intelligence on the part of the people on the shoulders of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. He is the trusted leader of the Labour movement. His brains, capacity, and character are without question, and neither flattery to myself nor the anxiety of people to make me leader, in order to cause a split in the ranks, is likely to blind me to my obligation, namely, that I am the loyal follower of a leader I am proud to serve."

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

Referring to the Prince of Wales's forthcoming tour, Mr. Thomas said: "Those who suggest that the few thousand pounds involved in this trip would solve social problems not only lie, but know they lie, and that those who suggest that we who voted for the expenses are unimpartial of these social inequalities lie, and know they lie. I say without fear of contradiction, not only from my personal knowledge, but from my correspondence, that there was an overwhelming demand on the part of the people of South Africa to see the Prince of Wales visit their shores. If he is serving the country by going, as I believe he is, then who is there in our party or in any other party who would dare to deny that he is entitled to have his expenses paid for his trip? (Cheers.) That is the sum-total of this hubbub you hear from day to day. I am sorry that these people cannot look upon this question in its true perspective. If it means, as some of them have suggested, that when one member of our party puts down a motion we must follow him into the lobby in order that we shall not show a split—that may be one way of showing unity, but I am absolutely certain it would soon be the end of the Labour party. I make no apology for my vote or for my action. I would do the same tomorrow in similar circumstances, and I am absolutely convinced that instead of wasting more time over these incidents it would be far better for our own party to deal with the many things that are essential, and which some of us are anxious to deal with." (Cheers.)

LOCAL TURF TOPICS.
HANDICAPPER SETS SOME
PUZZLING PROBLEMS.

[BY ARGUS.]

The handicaps for the Easter Meeting to be held at Happy Valley on April 11th and 13th, under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, were made public on Tuesday morning.

On the grounds of inconsistency, the weights have been the subject of much controversy.

The results of the races at the second extra may well have upset the calculations of the weight-adjuster, at the same time this is no excuse for inconsistency.

To prove our point we will compare the weights of the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Easter Handicap ("B" class). Both races are 11 miles and we instance the nine ponies, whose names appear in both lists.

It must be remembered that Baby Eyes did not start in the Lincoln, therefore one expected him to be handicapped in the Easter on a similar basis. What do we find?

Horses.	Lincoln.	Easter.	Better terms.
Baby Eyes	150	157	
Balderny Star	157	157	6
Forrest	155	156	6
Duke of Frisco	155	158	3
Demon Boy	153	153	4
Gauldie	155	153	6
King Canute	150	146	10
Valiant	154	145	15
Lungast	152	142	16

It will thus be seen that, although Baby Eyes has done nothing except finish 4th in a six furlong race since the Lincoln Handicap was framed, he has, in the opinion of the handicapper, improved to such an extent that the other ponies now meet him on far better terms.

The Lincoln, it will be remembered, resulted as follows: (1) Duke of Frisco, (2) Gauldie, (3) King Canute.

Gauldie carried 156 lbs., so that he has been allowed 4 lbs. for a 21 lengths beating while King Canute received 5 lbs. from the winner. At this stage a little cause for complaint—since with a bit of luck King Canute would have won on last occasion, if my reading of the race is correct.

MORE INCONSISTENCY.

When we come to compare the weights for the Twickenham Handicap ("B" class) and the Hyde Park Handicap, we again find the weight adjuster in two minds. Thus:

Horses.	Twickenham.	Hyde Pk.
Poppy Leaf	152	150
King Ptolemy	157	164
Demon Boy	155	163
A.B.	153	160
Two Pairs	152	159

Both races are one mile, so that Poppy Leaf should meet the four ponies named on the same terms in each race. Yet we find King Ptolemy, A.B. and Two Pairs benefit to the extent of 1 lb. in the Hyde Park Handicap.

"A" CLASS HANDICAPS.

In allotting the weights for the "A" class, the handicapper has been faced with genuine difficulties owing to the outstanding merits of Charcoal. The new-comers—Jumbo and Critic—he has quite justly put in at weight for weight in the Twickenham Handicap (1 mile).

He has, of course, no direct line to go on with regard to Charcoal's capabilities at this distance and it may well be that Grey Knight, Chicago or King of the Plains, have been treated too leniently. Spotted Sand, however, has been well-treated in comparison to King Emperor, Redbeard and Saracen for instance, but this is unlikely to affect the result.

In the Easter Handicap "A" class, compared to the weights carried in the Lincoln, over the same distance, we find Charcoal dropped 1 lb., Spotted Sand and Curiosity Shop 8 lbs. each, and Grey Knight and Clover Club 4 lbs. each.

In other words, the handicapper ignores the running in the Lincoln of all ponies except Charcoal and Spotted Sand. He has relegated Uncle Alf and Beauty Dahlia, the 3rd and 4th in the Lincoln, to "B" class.

To make this clear, one must compare Spotted Sand's impost with the other, quoting the actual weights carried in the Lincoln:

Pony.	Lincoln.	Easter.
Spotted Sand	154	146
Curiosity Shop	157	140
Dictator D.	156	148
Grey Knight	161	157
Clover Club	158	153

Though Spotted Sand beat them all in the Lincoln, he now meets Curiosity Shop and Dictator Dahlia on similar terms, while he receives an extra 4 lbs. each from Grey Knight and Clover Club.

Such an adjustment of weights calls for some explanation. It may well be that the handicapper considers Grey Knight was only out for an airing; and that Clover Club was unable to act in the mud through not being shod with suitable plates.

At any rate, this is quite a reasonable explanation in the circumstances. With regard to the Great Metropolitan, there appears little to be said. Grey Moon is entitled to 15 lbs. over weight for inches and I do not fancy the impost will prevent his winning if Mr. Beth decides to start him. He is unlikely to do so, I imagine, when he relies on either Grey Knight or Charcoal—not to mention Prohibition who might spring a surprise with only 149 lbs. on his back. Here again, Spotted Sand may have been reckoned with. He ran second in this event last year with an impost of 167 lbs. It must be remembered and, in the opinion of many, was unlucky to be defeated.

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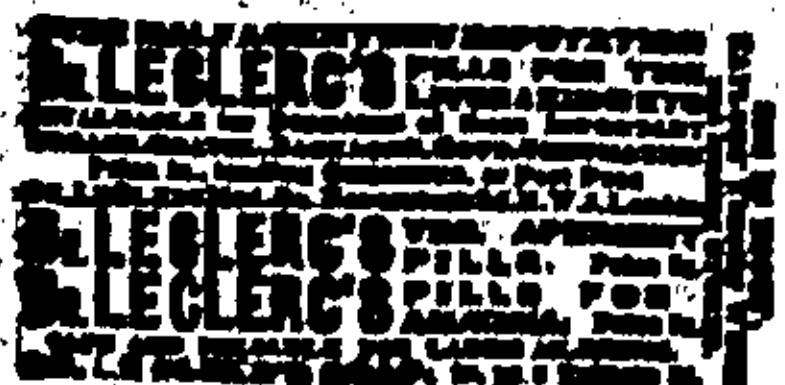
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DRIVEN TO SUICIDE.

INQUEST STORY OF COLONEL'S TROUBLES.

An inquest on the body of Lieutenant-Colonel John Dillon Byrne, Royal Artillery, of Ingledell, Pine Mount Road, Camberley, was held at the Westminster Coroner's Court. Colonel Byrne, who was still on the active list, was found shot at the United Services Club, Pall Mall. He had been in India and on the North-West Frontier, and during the Great War fought in the battles of Neuve Chapelle, Aubers, Ridge, Festubert, Loos, the Somme, and Passchendaele. Francis Edward Byrne, a Commander in the Royal Navy, identified the body as that of his brother, a brevet lieutenant-colonel, who had the Distinguished Service Order. He was a married man, but had no children. The witness had a letter from him after his death. The witness handed the letter to the Coroner, who read it, but did not disclose its contents. The Coroner: Can you tell me anything about his financial position?—He was financially embarrassed.

BORROWED FROM MONEYLENDERS.
Why was that?—I think the cause was borrowing from moneylenders. Do you know how much he borrowed?—No, sir, I have not been able to find out. He was overdrawn at the bank, I understand, but I do not think for very much. Was he extravagant?—He lived well. As he had been accustomed to?—Yes. Proceeding, the witness said that his brother was quartered at Blackdown. His wife had told the witness that lately he had been sleeping very badly and that he groaned in his sleep. When her husband left her, she presumed that he was going to his battery, and expected him back to lunch. He did not return, however, and after his death she received a letter from him by post. His brother was living very happily with his wife.

LAST "GOOD MORNING."
Frederick Crotty, a hairdresser at the club, said that Colonel Byrne passed him in the club and said "Good morning." A few minutes later the witness heard a shot and, summoning assistance, endeavored to enter the room. The door was locked. A pair of steps was obtained, and Colonel Byrne was seen lying on the floor.

Police-Sergeant William Charter said he saw Colonel Byrne lying on the floor with an automatic Colt revolver clamped tightly in his right hand. Two letters were found on the dressing-room table, one addressed to the secretary of the club, and the other to the coroner.

The Coroner said Colonel Byrne had evidently shot himself with a pistol. He was financially embarrassed, and had got into the hands of moneylenders. He was suffering from insomnia and was no doubt intensely worried. His letter to him (the Coroner) was as follows: "I am doing what I am because my brain and mind can stand no more. I have been hounded to death by Jew lawyers and moneylenders. Yours truly, J. D. Byrne, Lieutenant-Colonel." The dead man had also sent a letter to his brother in which he said, "I am going out as I have reached the limit."

CORONER ON "BLOODSUCKERS."
Mr. Oddie, continuing, said, "I expect, like other members of the professions, he was suffering from the modern high taxation and high prices more than the rest of the community. Having been brought up to live on perhaps a fairly generous scale he now finds himself unable to continue doing so without running into debt. One can easily see what happened. His breakfast table, like all our breakfast tables, was littered with circulars from moneylenders offering such generous terms that in the end he thought that might be a possible way out of his difficulties, and he obtained a loan, probably without security, and found that he had to go on paying enormous sums in so-called interest. In the end the position appeared to be quite hopeless, and he was driven to take his life. This case, like so many others, emphasizes the urgent need for legislation dealing with moneylenders and the dissemination of moneylenders' circulars through the post. My view is that it is time that such broadcasting of moneylenders' circulars as obtains to-day should be made illegal. Many poor men and women have been driven to suicide as the direct result of these circulars which have tempted them to borrow money from professional bloodsuckers. This man's life has been abruptly brought to an end through that cause. This is a particularly distressing case, and one must sympathize with his relatives."

Mr. Oddie recorded a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind."

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The possible uses of such a plant as this are more or less obvious, says a writer in the American paper *Good Health*. It will particularly interest sufferers from diabetes, promising to furnish them with a sweetening that has none of the harmful properties of sugar.

Its non-fermentability may be of value commercially, as in the preparation of sweetened beverages. It would also be of value from this point of view, because it would not tend to favour the growth of bacteria in the mouth.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 1st at 13.10.—Pressure has increased slightly over N.E. and central Japan. It has decreased slightly over the Loochoo and Bonin Islands, Formosa, S. China and Indo-China. It is nearly stationary over N. and E. China and the Philippines.

The anticyclone is central N. of Tokio, and has strengthened.

The depressions N.E. of Ishigaki and over Indo-China has deepened.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 1st 3.09 inch. Total since January 1st, 18.07 inches, against an average of 6.27 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 2nd is as follows:—

Direction: Force: Forecast: Formosa Channel ... (N. or variable winds, moderate).

Hongkong to Gap Rock ... (E. winds, moderate, overcast, fog, rain).

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo ... do.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 1st.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	2 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.51	29.55	29.59
Temperature ...	61	64	65
Humidity ...	92	95	97
Wind Direction ...	E	E	E
" Force ...	4	4	4
Weather ...	OR	o	od
Rain ...	0.18	0.00	0.60

Highest open-air temperature on 31st ... 83

Lowest open-air temperature on 1st ... 63

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

—From April 2nd to 8th, 1925.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Thurs.	2	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 32	5 4	11 59	2 2
Fri.	3	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 8	4 4	10 32	4 3
Satur.	4	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 10	4 4	10 47	2 0
Sun.	5	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 14	4 0	11 49	4 0
Mon.	6	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 21	4 8	11 51	1 5
Tues.	7	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 33	5 2	12 10	1 5
Wed.	8	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 52	6 5	12 45	2 1

ABUSE OF DOLE SYSTEM.

MR. LANSDOWN CREATES A SURPRISE.

In order to remedy the scandal of the dole system, drastic changes in the administration of unemployment benefit are about to be enforced in Great Britain limiting the benefit to those who have made eight insurance payments in the past two years or thirty at any time. This will suddenly throw large numbers of the insured on the Poor Law. Labour speakers in Parliament put the figures at 25,000 or 30,000.

Although the Labour Government was responsible for the Act, their successors are fiercely attacked by Labour speakers for putting it into operation. Mr. Lansdown, however, created surprise in the House of Commons by denouncing the doles and urging that the money could be better spent on farming in the Colonies or other work schemes.

During a very rough crossing from the Hook of Holland a steward came up to a passenger who was sitting alone in a sheltered position near the companionway. "I thought I would bring you a little of something to eat up here on deck, sir," he said, "to save you trouble." "Thanks," said the passenger. "Please save me further trouble, and throw it over the rail."

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MANILA				
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"WAISHING"	Sunday	5th Apr.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"MINGSANG"	Sunday	5th Apr.	10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"YATSHING"	Tuesday	7th Apr.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday	7th Apr.	10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW				
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"FOOSHING"	Wednesday	8th Apr.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"HOSANG"	Thursday	9th Apr.	7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY & SHANGHAI	"NAMSANG"	Thursday	9th Apr.	8 p.m.
TRAITS & CALCUTTA	"TAKSANG"	Friday	10th Apr.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI				
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Saturday	11th Apr.	Noon
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"LEESANG"	Sunday	12th Apr.	10 a.m.
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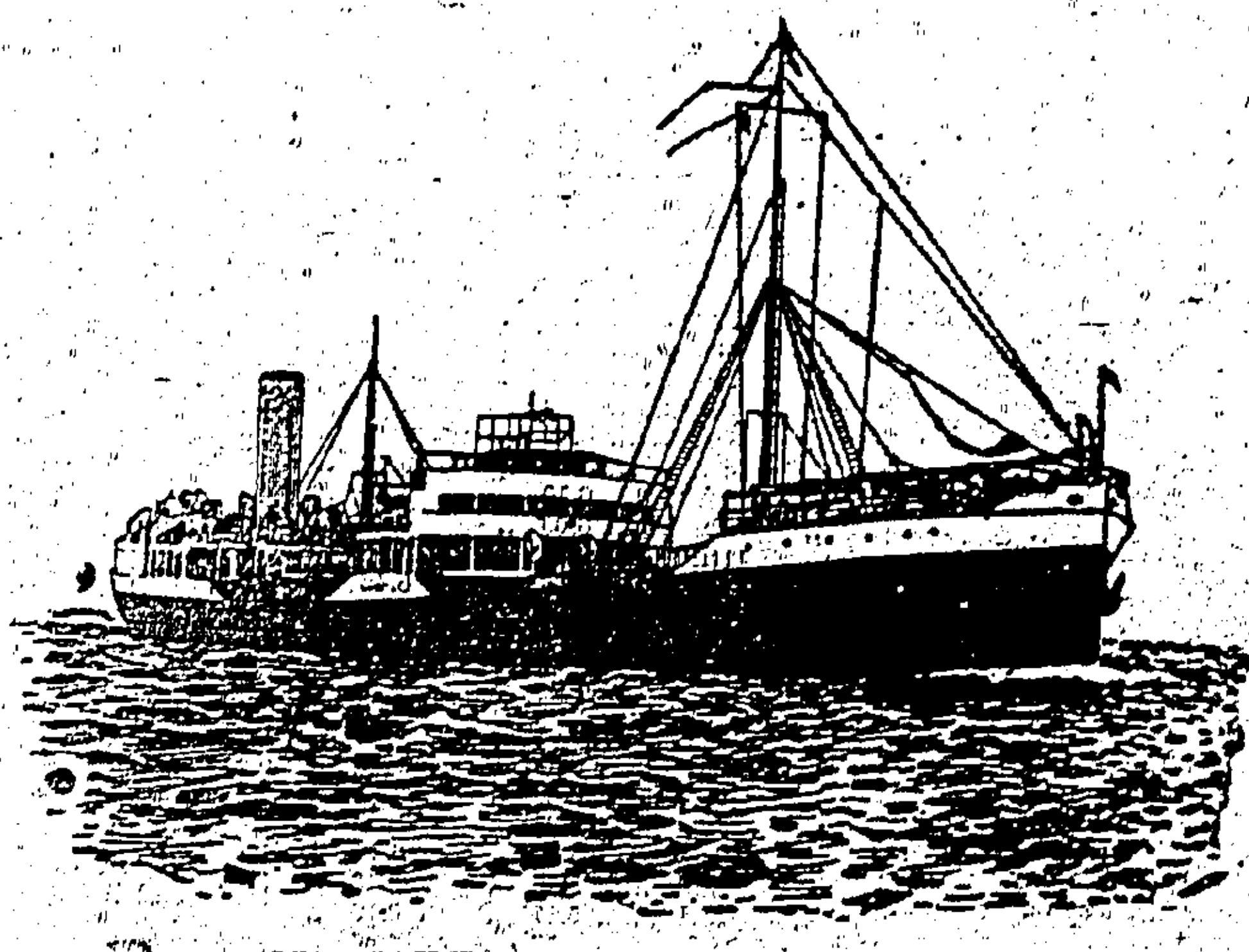
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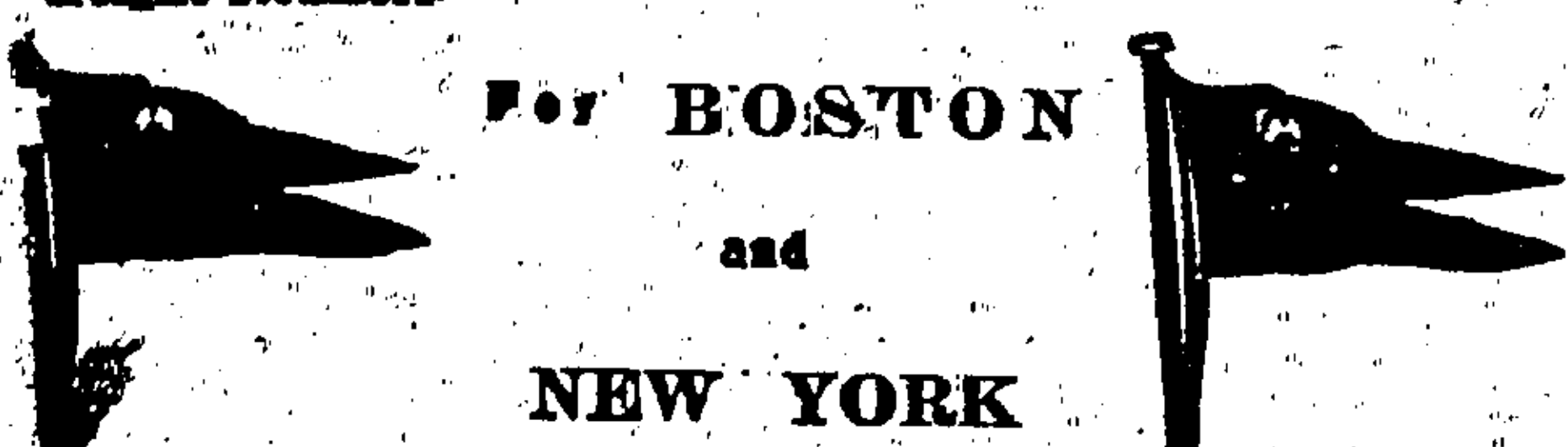
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"KARMAIA"	9,123	18th Apr.	Mars., L'don., A'werp & Hull
"NAGPORE"	5,333	21st Apr.	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"YAHORE"	5,252	24th Apr.	Singapore & Bombay
"MAEDONIA"	11,093	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	6,431	18th May	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"NAGPORE"	6,554	25th May	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	6,598	28th May	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MORRA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	6,513	8th June	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
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"TALMA"	10,000	24th Apr.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	1st May	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	6th May	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,838	11st May	do.
"TATIBA"	7,923	28th May	do.

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"TANDA"	6,558	3rd June	do.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
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"SARDINIA"	6,431	17th Apr.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
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"KALYAN"	9,144	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"NAGPORE"	5,333	21st Aug.	Shanghai.
"KARMAIA"	9,123	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe
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HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"WAMING"	On 3rd Apr., 11 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 4th Apr., D.L.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANGHOW"	On 4th Apr., Noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 5th Apr., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 5th Apr., 2 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 6th Apr., 4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SICHOW"	On 6th Apr., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 9th Apr., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LINAGHOW"	On 11th Apr., Noon.
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